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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIROOKA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1746

Serial No.: 09/337,278

Examiner: **Gentle E. Winter**

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For: **CLEANING AND HANDLING METHODS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND
CLEANING APPARATUS THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the RCE filed on November 6, 2003 requesting a **three month suspension of action** and that three month suspension being granted in the Office communication dated November 25, 2003, the three month period expiring on February 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: